

inspection. Any person requesting such driver record information, meaning that of driver's licenses actually granted, it seems to me that what the law might be saying is that once you obtain the privilege of driving, the information relative to you becomes a matter of public record. But prior to that, it seems to me you would be in the same situation as any other citizen. You have not voluntarily relinquished your right to privacy, if that's what we are dealing with, simply by filing the application. If you were turned away, then the mere fact that you tried to put yourself into this category of persons should not make the law place you in that category for the purpose of giving information about you to somebody else. So my amendment, on page 4, in line 17, would strike, "or applicants". If the application is successful and the person becomes a licensed vehicle operator, then he or she would fall under the bill as drafted. So what do you find that would pose a problem with that amendment if you see one?

SENATOR PETERSON: Senator Chambers, I think when you apply for a license, you relinquish that when you apply, don't you?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The only persons under the law, as it stands now, about whom information is a public record are those persons who have obtained a driver's license, and that can be found on page 3 of this bill. If you look at lines 15 and 16, the Director shall assign a distinguishing number to each license issued and shall keep a record of the same and that shall be the public record.

SENATOR PETERSON: Senator Chambers, what harm would be to the applicants?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My feeling is that when we are giving information about people to anybody and especially the federal government, it should not be like a fishing expedition and say, once a person is born into this country, he or she is a citizen and, therefore, the government has a right to know any and everything about that person. This is not the kind of government...it should not be the kind of society where the government, just by saying it wants information, should be entitled to it. We have got to be the protectors of the public and not allow these creeping incursions to occur. We could say that a person who agrees to adopt or accept the driving privilege agrees at the same time to allow certain information to be made public. But that is in line with what the nature of the privilege is, the need for that information by others who